

Opening Statement
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Full Committee Markup

- H.R. 3776, *Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007*
- H.R. 3775, *Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007*

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Mr. Chairman, I would like to add my support to the two bills we are marking up today. Both of them work towards efficiently using our country's energy resources. The Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act will reinforce the good work the Department of Energy is currently doing in the Industrial Technologies Program to help American companies lower their use of energy in the production of their products and in the running of their plants and businesses.

The Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act will also help our country use energy more efficiently in that it establishes a program at the Department of Energy to develop energy storage devices for stationary and vehicular applications.

This will allow our country to utilize renewable energy sources to the maximum extent possible and allow for traditional generation to become even more efficient as energy storage devices will reduce the need for inefficient and expensive power plants to be ramped up during times of high energy demand.

The bill will also help pave the way toward the development of plug-in hybrid vehicles by furthering research on the storage systems necessary to make the vehicles a viable, widespread transportation option.

I introduced similar energy storage legislation earlier this year, and I would like to thank Chairman Gordon for including much of my language in this version before us today.

I yield back the balance of my time.